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Since the end of the antiwar May offensive in Washington, D. C., a number of meetings have taken place where the various radical antiwar groups have had an opportunity to appraise their recent efforts and plan future events in the antiwar movement.

In mid-May a World Peace Assembly called by the World Peace Council took place in Budapest. The WPC is under the domination of the Soviet Union. At the assembly, the delegates highly praised the United States antiwar effort during the spring demonstration season. The WPC secretary general, Romesh Chandra, a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party of India, praised the 25 United States delegates for their antiwar efforts. Chandra advised the meeting that the WPC was urging massive demonstrations on 4 July at United States embassies around the world with the central slogan "Set the '71 Date." This new slogan has been urged on the American antiwar movement by communists abroad (including the chief Viet Cong negotiator at Paris) because the communist feeling is that the most popular slogan in recent action, "If the Government Doesn't Stop the War, We Will Stop the Government," allows the news media too much latitude in stressing the demonstrators' efforts to stop the Government while deemphasizing the stop-the-war theme. 1/2 1/2/71

Prominent Americans who were in attendance at the Budapest conference were the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, who accepted a peace medal posthumously awarded to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Mrs. Angie Dickerson of the Emergency Committee to End Repression; Dr. Carleton Goodlett, San Francisco publisher who has been described as a leftist;

and Gil Green of the Communist Party of New York State. The Budapest meeting was also attended by Mrs. Sylvia Kushner of the Chicago Peace Council who has been named as a Communist Party member; Professor Sidney Peck of the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice, formerly a Communist Party official in Wisconsin; and Irving Sarnoff of the Los Angeles Peace Council who has also been named as a member of the Communist Party. Americans present at Budapest also represented the Young Workers Liberation League, the Women's Strike for Peace, and the Black Muslims. *11/11/72/2/26*
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At a mid-May meeting of the Student Mobilization Steering Committee a national convention of the antiwar movement was announced to be held in New York City from 2-4 July. The meeting will be under the sponsorship of the Socialist Workers Party-controlled National Peace Action Coalition. In the recent past it has been indicated that this conference would be held in the Cleveland area. Later reports placed it at Washington, D. C. It now seems firm that Hunter College in New York City has been selected, lending added support to indications that have been noted that future antiwar demonstrations of the NPAC variety might be held in New York instead of Washington. *11/11/72/2/26*

The NPAC has also announced recent formation of plans for an intensive summer program organizing "antiwar schools" at various cities throughout the country. The first such school was held in New York on 5 June and was attended by several hundred radicals. Cities mentioned as possible future sites of "antiwar schools" have been Los Angeles, San Francisco, Indianapolis and St. Louis. Those who participate will be encouraged to form local peace action coalitions in the areas from which they hail. According to spokesmen of the NPAC the purpose of the schools is to train antiwar activists in the techniques and skills necessary to reach veterans, trade unions, servicemen, women, students, Puerto Ricans and other groups. *11/11/72/2/26*

The PCPJ which is under the influence of the CPUSA held its recent meeting on 21 May at Washington. The PCPJ has decided to lend support to lobbying efforts taking place in Washington this week for the purpose of protesting the extension of the draft laws as well as the Vietnam War. The usual grandiose statements were made at the PCPJ meeting with regard to the number of persons expected to participate. The claim was that between 10,000 and 50,000 would attend, but a more realistic figure is several hundred. *11/11/72/2/26*

A combined meeting for the PCPJ and the May Day Collective was held in Washington, D. C. on 19 May. John Rankin Davis (Jack Davis) addressed the gathering and advised that he had just returned from Europe where he had visited Budapest (probably attending the World Peace Assembly) and met with North Vietnamese and Viet Cong delegates at Paris. According to Jack Davis, the North Vietnamese delegates in Paris made the following suggestions (reportedly in the form of "instructions") for prosecuting the antiwar drive in the United States: 1) the creation of a new slogan for the peace movement, "Set the Date by December '71" (similar to the slogan noted above), 2) concentrate the major antiwar efforts in an attempt to lobby members of Congress, 3) support the proposals of Sen. George McGovern and Rep. Bella Abzug and 4) change the name of the May Day Collective and form a political party similar to SDS and establish chapters across the country. It is anticipated that such a party will eventually develop voting strength in United States elections.

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Jack Davis advised that a national action consisting of speeches and demonstrations is being planned for Washington on 4 July and again during October of this year.

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Between 25-27 June a national conference of the PCPJ will be held at Milwaukee (the same dates and place as last year). Reportedly, all groups opposing the war and repression will be invited to participate. This will encompass the May Day Collectives, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the National Welfare Rights Organization, and other groups. Reportedly, the PCPJ is hoping for group representation and not a mass conference. One of the topics that will be discussed at Milwaukee is the possibility of staging another mass demonstration in Washington next August. The conference will be held in Milwaukee at the church of Father James Groppi, who has figured prominently in previous protests and will probably be present for the Milwaukee conference.

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At a Washington press conference held early in June, David Dellinger advised that the forthcoming Milwaukee meeting will formulate plans for another "offensive." Dellinger (who apparently had not yet gotten the word from Europe) stated "since the Government will not stop the war, the people will stop the war by stopping the Government." According to Dellinger, the next demonstrations will again emphasize "force without violence."

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Between 21-23 May the May Day Collective conference was held at Needmore, Indiana, on property owned by Larry Canada, a reportedly close associate and "bank roller" of radical Rennie Davis. The delegates at the May Day Collective conference discussed the recent failure of the demonstration in Washington and decided that the demonstrations were unsuccessful because of lack of planning (a curious excuse because leaders had been publicizing the May Day action since last October), failure to use women effectively, and failure to organize properly. The Needmore meeting decided that demonstrations would be held at Washington during the third and fourth weeks of June as well as at various military bases to demand an end to the draft law. From 4-6 July demonstrations will be held at New York and at other major cities to protest the war and to demand that a definite date be set for withdrawal of United States troops from Vietnam. It was also tentatively planned that in August a national conference of May Day Collectives would be staged in either Kansas or Colorado to organize a national political party (one of the suggestions from Europe). In October the May Day Collective will conduct another massive demonstration in Washington similar to early May of this year. It was also decided to increase the use of the Viet Cong flag, and activists allegedly will attempt to fly the Viet Cong flag from Government buildings next 14 June, Flag Day. On 6 July the collectives will sponsor regional celebrations to commemorate the founding of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam. *1 file in 341346/ sub 341760*

Approximately 150 persons attended the May Day Collective conference at Needmore. The number included representatives from New Hampshire, New York City, Indiana, Vermont, Massachusetts, Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Washington, California, Kentucky and Georgia. Included in the group were representatives of the Gay Liberation Front of Washington, D.C., and one representative of Youth Against War and Fascism. The May Day Collective-scheduled demonstrations in late June (probably between 21-26 June) will be centered around Congressional activities in extending the draft law. Proposals were also made during the Indiana conference for the "symbolic" arrest of war criminals such as President Nixon, Secretary of Defense Laird, COS of the Army, etc. *1 file in 341346/ sub 341760*

It appears that the August date selected by the May Day Collective for demonstrations in D. C. might be on 5 August to coincide with the first bombing of North Vietnam. Additional details of all forthcoming demonstrations will be reported as they become firm. It is not believed at this time that any of the antiwar organizations will be able to stage a significantly large or disruptive demonstration in any city before next October.

*12 June, Washington, D.C.

Demonstrations are being scheduled for Washington, D.C., during the marriage ceremony of the President's daughter this Saturday. The principal spokesman, one Jeff Gingold, a recent graduate of Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Virginia, has advised that the demonstration will be staged to protest a large wedding celebration at the same time killing is going on in Southeast Asia. The sponsoring group, the Shenandoah Tribe, has applied for permits to use the Ellipse and Lafayette Park. No permits have so far been granted. Gingold has stated that he expects 5,000 demonstrators.

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On 2 June during a demonstration by the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice at Kent University, approximately 200 demonstrators gathered to listen to Yippie speakers, representatives of the Black United Students and David Ifshin, leader of the National Student Association, describe the unlawful police tactics taken recently against Kent University students who were staging a protest. Ifshin, who characterized the United States as repressive, also announced that on 12 June a demonstration would be held at Washington to disrupt the wedding of the President's daughter. Ifshin, who was mysteriously not prominently present during the Washington demonstration in May, advised that entertainment would be provided for the Washington action on 12 June; and he urged his Kent State audience to attend the demonstration.

*21 June, Ann Arbor, Michigan

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An organization known as the Women Uniting to End the War is sponsoring a one-day nonbuying day on 21 June. The organization which is based at Ann Arbor intends to encourage women throughout the country to demonstrate that women want the war stopped by not buying any goods or services on that day.

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*21-28 June, New Orleans, Louisiana

Music festival promoter Steve Kapelow who has promoted rock festivals at Atlanta and at Toronto is promoting a \$28-a-ticket eight-day rock festival on an as yet unidentified island in the Mississippi River. Kapelow states that 60,000 persons are expected to attend and be entertained by 60 musical acts. The promoter will reveal the exact location of the rock festival shortly before the starting date in order to discourage gate crashers.

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*28 June, Alameda County, California

The retrial of Black Panther leader Huey Newton is scheduled to begin in the San Francisco Bay area on the above date. Newton was previously tried and convicted of manslaughter for the slaying of an Oakland policeman in a 1968 shootout. The State Court of Appeals subsequently reversed the conviction due to courtroom irregularities and ordered a new trial. Newton is presently free on \$50,000 bail.

*3-5 July, Kansas City, Missouri

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War has announced plans for a "limited incursion of Vietnam veterans into middle America" on the above dates. A spokesman for the group (who happens to live in Kansas City) stated that the rally was planned in the heart of America because middle America is being neglected.

*4 July, Washington, D. C.

The Free Calley Committee is scheduling a demonstration in the city on Independence Day. Sponsors of the demonstration are predicting between 50,000 and 1,000,000 participants but will probably produce not more than several hundred. This scheduled demonstration has not been well-publicized and might even be called off before the scheduled date.

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